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Applicants: TSUBOSAKI et al.
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 19, 2001

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement dated December 19, 2000, applicants provide the following comments.

To begin with, applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement inasmuch as it fails to identify claim 1 as a generic claim to all of the listed species 1-13. Claim 1 defines a semiconductor chip disposed in a hole provided on a tape carrier characterized in that the semiconductor chip is thinner than the tape carrier. This important feature of the present invention is found in all of the listed species 1-13. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is a generic claim to the listed species, and an indication of this in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding the above traversal, applicants hereby elect embodiment I of Figs. 1-10 listed in the election

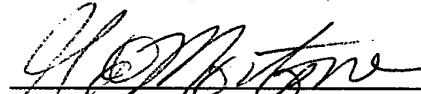
requirement, noting that claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-14 are readable on the elected species.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.37120X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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